

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(1)

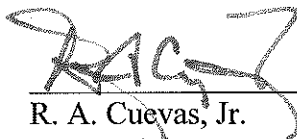
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 1, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Federal
Communications Commission
to open additional airwaves for
wireless technology

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Vice Chair Lynda Bell.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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7-1-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION TO OPEN ADDITIONAL AIRWAVES FOR
WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, due to increased consumer and business demand for mobile data, wireless carriers' networks have become increasingly congested over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, as a result, there is less capacity on their networks to deliver quality connectivity and support all of the innovative mobile technologies that can empower American businesses; and

WHEREAS, the shortage of wireless airwaves, or "spectrum," imposes an additional burden on entrepreneurs with start-up businesses, who may be forced to switch back to landlines due to crowded spectrum; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic-owned start-up businesses are hit particularly hard by the effects of crowded spectrum, as 50 percent of all Hispanic households are "wireless-only" homes; and

WHEREAS, the last time more airwaves were freed was in 2008 for consumer mobile use, yet since 2008, technology has continued to grow with even more smartphones and the introduction of tablets; and

WHEREAS, federal spectrum policy has large implications for jobs, economic growth and social improvement, especially for our communities and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the problem of crowded spectrum could be solved by the federal government, through the Federal Communications Commission, opening additional wireless airwaves,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Federal Communications Commission to open additional airwaves for wireless technology.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Florida Congressional Delegation and the Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Communications Commission.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the action set forth in Section 1 above, and authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to amend the 2014 Federal Legislative Package to include this item and to include this item in the 2015 Federal Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Vice Chair Lynda Bell. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of July, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

MJM

Michael J. Mastrucci